

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
ADVENT ONE
November 30, 2025



Rector:	The Rev. Vernon Foster	
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Church Services:	Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
	Weekdays (except stats)	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer
	Wednesday	11:00 am	Holy Communion

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*Please be aware the 10:30 service may be recorded or livestreamed,
and your presence in the service is considered your consent to appear on camera.*

PLEASE MUTE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE SERVICE

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HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:30 AM

*This Eucharistic liturgy is based on the
Anglican Church of Canada **Book of Alternative Services***

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship
and serve on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

Officiant & Preacher:	The Rev. Vernon Foster
Celebrant:	The Venerable Brian E.
Deacon:	The Rev. Helen L.
Liturgical Assistant:	Ann W.
Greeters:	Joanne, Margaret
Duty Warden:	Julie
Musician:	Freeman

The flowers on the main altar are given by Laurie Heron to the glory of God
from the Heron family, in loving memory of Michael.

Altar Guild Team: Kathy, Jane

Refreshment Hour is hosted today by: Gwen, Kathy

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(you may remain seated during the welcome)*

OPENING HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

BRESLAU

GATHERING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May grace and peace be with you all.

May Christ fill our hearts with joy.

CANDLE LIGHTING: THROUGH THE EYES OF THE WATCHER

As we enter Advent, we begin with the watcher – the one who rises in the quiet hours, who listens to the land, who waits with reverent attention for signs of God already moving among us.

The first candle is lit.

We light this candle as a sign of our watching: not anxious, not fearful, but awake – ready to notice the nearness of the Holy in the ordinary moments of our days.

O God, awaken our hearts. Teach us to watch with humility, to listen with our whole being, and to meet this season with open eyes. In the stillness, draw us close, and make us ready for your coming. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

KYRIE ELEISON CP 678

Lord, have mercy upon us, 3x
Christ, have mercy upon us, 3x
Lord, have mercy upon us, 3x

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Let us, after a moment of silent reflection, call to mind and confess the times we have fallen short of God's purposes for us, resolving to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. *(A moment of silence)*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

Mary

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 122

Cantor



SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Carol

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus (Vs. 1,2)

STUTTGART

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

(It is our custom to remain standing for the reading of the gospel. Please stand as you are able)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus (Vs. 3,4)

STUTTGART

SERMON:

Rev. Vernon Foster

ANTHEM: Come Thou, Redeemer of the Earth (13871)

By Richard Shephard Flute 1: Alicia Vanin, Flute 2: Marilyn Browning

ADVENT CREED: *(Please stand as you are able)*

L.A. Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in God:

The Source of all things. The God of Abraham and Sarah. The Holy One who freed the slaves from Egypt. The God who is steadfast love and mercy. The God who made a straight path in the wilderness and who promises to make all things new.

We believe in Jesus:

The Messiah, who is Emmanuel: God-with-us. He is King-of-Kings, yet born of Mary. Jesus showed God's love through healing and teaching, Jesus chose the way of servant-suffering by dying on a cross. After three days he rose from the dead. He is the Lord, the first born of the new creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit:

The One who inspires faith. Who has spoken through prophets and preachers and common people, The One who breathes new life into the church and the world, The Lord and giver of life. Who is making all things new. We believe that God is still creating. We believe that Jesus is present with us. We believe that the Holy Spirit is calling us forth in love and mercy. This is our hope, this is our faith. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Julie

THE PEACE:

In the stillness of God's dawn, Christ is already near. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

OFFERTORY HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 90 How the World Longs for Your Birth

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

O God who wakes us to your nearness, receive these gifts and our attentive hearts. As watchers of your unfolding grace, may we offer our lives in quiet faithfulness and serve you in all we see and do. **All things come from you and of your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (Eucharistic Prayer 2)

(You are invited to stand during the Eucharistic Prayer as you desire)

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.....as we sing:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

CP 735 Schubert

Holy and gracious God..... now and forever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

David

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

The Bread which we break is the sharing of the Body of Christ.

We, who are many, are one body for we all partake of the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION:

All are welcome to join us for communion. Our practice is to share the wine from a common cup.

For health reasons you are asked not to dip the bread wafer into the wine.

If you prefer, you may receive bread only. If you are gluten free, please ask for a gluten free wafer.

If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms in front of you to indicate to the clergy that you would like a blessing instead. We are happy to come to your seat to serve communion if you are unable to come forward – do let the greeter know.

COMMUNION HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 96 Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

Our Lord's mercy endures forever.

Let us pray,

God of quiet dawn, you have fed us with the bread of life and awakened us to your presence. As we go from this table, keep us attentive to the signs of your coming in the stillness, the ordinary, and the unexpected. Make us watchers of your grace in all we see and do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God,

Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God who awakens the dawn open your eyes to the nearness of the Holy, steady your heart in the waiting, and guide your steps in watchful hope. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sacred Spirit, be with you and those whom you love and pray for, this day and for ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go forth awake and attentive, watching for the signs of God in all things. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY